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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

WEITSCHIES ET AL. : Group Art Unit: 1641

Serial No.: 08/894,767 : Examiner: P. DO

Filed: FEBRUARY 23, 1998 :

For: PROCESS AND COMPOUNDS FOR DETECTION OF ANALYTES USING
REMANENCE MEASUREMENT, AND USE THEREOF

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4.

1. (Four Times Amended) A process for qualitative and/or quantitative detection of analytes in a liquid and/or solid phase homogeneous immunoassay, comprising determining remanence magnetization in said homogeneous immunoassay of a stable or quasi-stable ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic substance bound to said analyte.

2. (Thrice Amended) A process for qualitative and/or quantitative detection of analytes in homogeneous immunoassays comprising measuring remanent